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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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#### **Detailed Action**

Claims 1, 6-9 are pending in this Office Action.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 2-5, 10-15 remain cancelled.

#### **Response to Arguments**

Applicant's arguments filed 7/12/06 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

See remarks below.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The preamble recites "at least multiple of the data processing apparatus having personal address book data set therein."

This limitation is grammatically flawed: at least multiple of what? Multiple of one, multiple of 2 or more? Appropriate correction is required.

**Claims 1, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,884 by Saito in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,251 by Segal et al.**

Regarding claim 1, the Saito reference teaches:

a push type scanner apparatus capable of transmitting image data over a network to any of a plurality of data processing apparatus, said scanner apparatus (Saito: col. 2, lines 50-60; col. 3, lines 42-48) comprising:

an original scanner for reading an original set in the push type scanner apparatus and outputting image data of an image on a surface of the original (Saito: col. 2, lines 50-60),

a network connecting interface for connecting the push type scanner apparatus to the network (Saito: col. 5, lines 30-32),

an address specifying means for specifying a destination address designating a destination for transmitting the image data through the network (Saito: col. 6, lines 1-4),

a mail creating means for creating a mail to be transmitted to the address specified by the address specifying means (Saito: col. 6, lines 26-32),

an appended file creating means for creating, when the original is read by the original scanner, an appended file comprising the image data of the original to be appended to the mail created by the mail creating means (Saito: col. 5, lines 37-57),

a transmission executing means for outputting the created mail and the appended file through the network connecting interface to the network (Saito: col. 4, lines 56-61).

The Saito reference fails to teach retrieving address book data from a network device.

However the Segal reference teaches:

at least multiple of the data processing apparatus having personal address book data (Segal: col. 34, lines 22-41; Fig. 29, tags 38a-38n; col. 12, lines 8-13);

a user data memory that registers user data of the data processing apparatus having personal address book data set therein (Segal: col. 29, lines 44-63; col. 34, lines 22-41), and

an address book data obtaining means for obtaining personal address book data from a predetermined one of the data processing apparatus by referring to the user data memory (Segal: col. 34, lines 22-30) in response to user data and a password entered by a user (Segal: col. 29, lines 61-63), wherein the address specifying means specifies an address from the obtained address book data as the destination address (Segal: col. 29, lines 45-63) in order to link the address data with the device for quickly addressing a transmission (Segal: col. 29, lines 45-63).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art to create the apparatus capable of transmitting image data through a network as taught by Saito to include retrieving address book data as taught by Segal in order to link the address data with the device for quickly addressing a transmission (Segal: col. 29, lines 45-63).

Regarding claim 9, a push type scanner apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a set expression storing means for storing set expressions used for creating a text writing of a mail (Saito: col. 5, lines 37-58).

**Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,884 by Saito in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,251 by Segal et al in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,893,101 by Balogh et al.**

Regarding claim 6, the Saito reference teaches a push type scanner apparatus as claimed in claim 1 with data input means. The Saito reference fails to teach additional data input means for database processing.

However, the Balogh reference teaches an additional data inputting means for inputting additional data to be added to image data for database processing (Balogh: col. 3, lines 11-43) in order to select images using a natural language search capacity (Balogh: col. 1, lines 46-54).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art to create an image data transmitting and receiving system as taught by Saito and Segal to include additional data inputting means as taught by Balogh in order to allow users to select and search images using a natural language search (Balogh: col. 1, lines 46-54).

**Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,884 by Saito in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,189,026 by Birrell et al in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,267 by Donaldson.**

Regarding claim 7, the Saito reference teaches a push type scanner apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a store means for storing the destination addresses (Saito: col. 5, lines 19-20). The Saito reference fails to teach limiting transmission based on address.

However, the Donaldson reference teaches data transmission is limited on the basis of the domain name of each of the said destination addresses (Donaldson: col. 3, lines 34-51), and a transmission limiting means for limiting image data transmission to a destination address by corresponding the domain name of the destination address to the domain names stored in the store means (Donaldson: col. 7, lines 30-40) in order to filter out security risks and protects resources (Donaldson: col. 7, lines 66- col. 8, lines 6).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art to create an image data transmitting and receiving system as taught by Saito and Segal to include limiting transmission as taught by Donaldson in order to filter out security risks and protect resources.

Regarding claim 8, the Saito and Segal references teach a push type scanner apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a storing means for storing the destination addresses (Saito: col. 5, lines 19-20). The Saito and Segal references fail to teach permitting transmission based on the domain. However the Donaldson reference teaches image data transmission is permitted on the basis of the domain name of each of the said destination addresses (Donaldson: col. 3, lines 34-51), and a transmission permitting means for permitting the image data transmission to a destination address by corresponding the domain name of the destination address to the domain names stored in the storing means (Donaldson: col. 7, lines 41-50) in order to filter out security risks and protects resources (Donaldson: col. 7, lines 66- col. 8, lines 6).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art to create an image data transmitting and receiving system as taught by Saito and Segal to include limiting transmission as taught by Donaldson in order to filter out security risks and protect resources.

### **Remarks**

Applicant has amended claim 1, the only independent claim to clarify that at least multiple of the data processing apparatus having personal address book data and a user data memory that registers user data of the having the address book.

The claim language is still broad leaving it open to interpretation. The user data memory that registers user data having the personal address book data set therein does not define how it is registered or what the 'user data' is. The specification points to an address space that stores a network address. The preamble recites, "at least multiple of the data processing apparatus having personal address book data set therein." This limitation is grammatically flawed: at least multiple of what? Segal meets the limitation because it shows one of the external sources supplies personal address book data to a server that a client device retrieves it from (Segal: col. 29, lines 44-63; col. 34, lines 22-41).

The Segal reference teaches a server system that registers a bunch of devices data. Some of that data is personal address book data (Fig. 29, tag 38a). The Saito reference; col. 5, lines 15-21; teaches a memory as well for storing address book data. The Saito references teaches the push button scan apparatus while Segal is relied upon for retrieving data from the apparatuses. The data referring to the user data memory is the data pulled based on the device ID and username/password associated with access.

The examiner encourages applicant to detail how it is registering the personal address book data and where the data is registered and stored in the claims (see specification page 19). Perhaps detailing that the address book data is pulled directly (without an intermediary) would strengthen the claim language as well as defining personal and common address book data.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

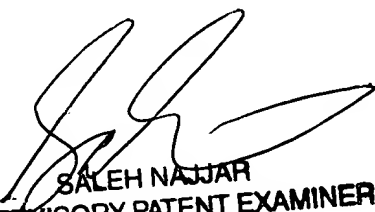
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